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SUBJECT: MEDIATION OF EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN CONFLICT

1. DURING AUGUST 13 MEETING, FONMIN SHAIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD TOLD ME QUOTE FOR MY PERSONAL INFORMATION UNQUOTE THAT ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN RADIO AND PRESS PROPAGANDA EXCHANGE HAD CEASED ON AUGUST 9. IF THIS SITUATION HOLDS AND REMAINS CALM, THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT FURTHER MEDIATION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES MAY BE ATTEMPTED BY KUWAIT. LIBYA HAS INFORMED GOK OF ITS WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH EGYPT, PRESUMABLY AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, IN KUWAIT. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY CONCERNING EGYPT'S POSITION, SABAH AL-AHMAD DID NOT REPLY DIRECTLY BUT SHOOK HIS HEAD AND COMMENTED THAT HE FOUND ISMAIL FAHMY DIFFICULT AT TIMES. FAHMY SEEMED TO TAKE POSITIONS OF WHICH HIS CHIEFS WERE NOT TOTALLY AWARE, IN HIS OPINION.

2. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT KUWAIT IS STILL PURSUING ITS MEDIATION ROLE IN THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN DISPUTE,
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BUT, WHILE LIBYA SEEMS AMENABLE TO A MEETING, THE EGYPTIAN POSITION IS NOT CLEAR AT THIS POINT. NEVERTHELESS, SABAH AL-AHMAD SEEMED HOPEFUL THAT SOME PROGRESS COULD BE MADE IN RECONCILING EGYPT AND LIBYA.
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